

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 3, 2005

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:05 P.M.
 - A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Greg Tatum of First Christian Church.
 - B. Pledge – Mayor Fred Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Roll Call: Present: Jesse Brand, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell – Absent: Craig Hawes.
 - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting: Ann DeVore moved to approve the minutes from the last regularly scheduled meeting of April 19, 2005. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.12, 2005. AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2005.” Chuck Wilt, Director of Parks, brought before the Columbus City Council an Amended Ordinance providing only for stream bank protection for the People Trails between Noblitt and Mill Race Parks and surge protection. Total amount of the Amended Ordinance for Additional Appropriation is \$ 95,800.00. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Amended Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO._____, 2005, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFORM PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA.” Eric Hayes. Mayor Armstrong indicated that errors had been found in the new personnel policy. Eric Hayes, City Attorney, asked that the item be postponed until next Council meeting in order to make the necessary corrections. Mayor Armstrong asked for any discussion regarding the personnel policy. Discussion followed. Jesse Brand made a motion to postpone the second reading of the Ordinance. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Reading of a Resolution entitled ‘RESOLUTION NO. 21, 2005, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.’ (Rightway Fasteners, Inc.) Jim Clouse, Special Projects Manager for Community Development, reported Rightway Fasteners, Inc. was before the City Council seeking tax abatement in personal property in the amount of \$520,000.00. The result of the investment would be eight (8) additional employees. Ray Duty, Controller for Rightway Fasteners, Inc., spoke about the company and the increasing

business from Toyota. Robert Kittle indicated the Incentive Review Committee had met and found Rightway Fasteners, Inc. to be in substantial compliance. Mr. Kittle informed the Council this was their 12th tax abatement. George Dutro remarked this is a perfect example of how tax abatement should work. Robert Kittle made a motion to approve the Resolution. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

B. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 22, 2005, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF TELECOMMUNICATION FUNDS FOR USE BY THE CONNECTED COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.” Linda Nay and Lynn Fleming spoke on behalf of Connected Community. They explained the purpose of Connected Community and what they had done in the past and what they expected to do in the future. There was discussion as to exactly how much money had been given to Connected Community since the first approved Resolution, Resolution No. 23, 2002 and Resolution No. 20, 2003. Resolution No. 20, 2003 approved a draw in 2003 of \$100,000.00 with a remainder of \$300,000 to be paid in 2004. Clerk Treasurer, Brenda Sullivan, reported that only \$225,000 of the total \$300,000 available in 2004 was actually paid to Connected Community leaving a balance of \$75,000.00. Martha Myers made a motion to amend the Ordinance only awarding \$75,000.00 and stipulated this would complete the total obligation to Connected Community. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Amended Resolution. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

C. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 23, 2005, A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SALES OF PROPERTIES.” Jim Norris and Tim Coriden. Jim Norris explained that the city had received ownership of what are now two (2) vacant lot properties at 1212 Lafayette Street, Columbus and 2108 5th Street, Columbus. He indicated his department was maintaining the mowing of those properties. Tim Coriden, City Attorney, reported on the process of how the City would go about selling those properties and getting them back on the tax roles. Discussion followed. George Dutro made a motion to amend the Resolution by taking Jim Norris’ name out of the Resolution and by adding that all proceeds of the sale of the properties would be placed in the MVH Fund for its use. Martha Myers seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Robert Kittle then moved to approve the Amended Resolution. Martha Myers seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

D. Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 24, 2005, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2005 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR “B” PRIORITY ITEMS.” Chuck Wilt, Director of Parks, asked Council to release a total of \$31,930 from the 2005 capital budget. The items are for a traffic study and site survey for the Senior Center. Ann DeVore indicated she would be abstaining from voting on this item. Martha Myers made a motion to approve the Resolution. Jesse Brand seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports- Martha Myers reported on

the Animal Control Open House held last Sunday. Robert Kittle reported on his upcoming trip to Chicago regarding aviation. Ann DeVore spoke of the recycling art show and George Dutro reminded the Council of the three (3) big issues facing utilities.

- B. Matt McCord, Chief of Police, invited everyone to attend the upcoming Meth community update that will be held at 6:30 P.M. on May 19th at Southside Middle School.
- C. The next regular scheduled meeting is May 17th, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.
- D. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. August Tindell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 o'clock P.M.

Presiding Officer of the Common Council

Attest:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer